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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PFOR, US, RO

SUBJECT: PRESS CAMPAIGN

REF: BUCHAREST 2473

1. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, YOU SHOULD SEEK
E R L Y APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN RE PRESS
CAMPAIGN.. INFORM MACOVESCU THAT USG REGARDS IT AS
MANIFESTLY INCONSISTENT WITH GOR PROFESSED DESIRE TO HAVE
POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS WITH US FOR GOR TO
INSTIGATE DELIBERATE PRESS CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO DENIGRATE
U.S. USG DOES NOT CONSIDER U.S. OR USG IMMUNE FROM
FOREIGN CRITICISM, AS FREE DOMESTIC CRITICISM IS INTE-
GRAL PART OF AMERICAN LIFE AND INDEED OF SYSTEM OF GOVERN-
MENT. WE WOULD EXPECT ROMANIAN COMMENT WHICH NOTED
PERCEIVED WEAKNESSES OR FAULTS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. BUT
FOR GOR TO INITIATE AND DELIBERATELY ORGANIZE CONCENTRATED
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ANTI-AMERICAN MEDIA COVERAGE IS DIFFERENT MATTER.
AMBASSADOR SHOULD ASK SPECIFICALLY IF GOR INTENDS TO
CONTINUE SUCH CAMPAIGN, AND IF IT DOES, JUST WHERE
GOR BELIEVES SUCH A CON
NUATION WOULD LEAD.

2. WE WOULD NOT WISH TO GET INTO ARGUMENT WITH ROMANIANS

OVER CONTENT OF THIS CAMPAIGN BUT FOR THEM TO CENTER ON
"FASCINATION" OF US PRESS WITH THE INCIDENT INVOLVING
CEAUSESCU'S MOTORCADE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE VERY
EXTENSIVE AND SYMPATHETIC COVERAGE OF THE ROMANIAN
EARTHQUAKE IS LUDICROUS. AND U.S. PRESS COVERAGE
OF GOMA AND GOVERNMENT'S TREATMENT OF HIM HAS BEEN AS
OBJECTIVE AS GOR COULD EXPECT WITH DUE ATTENTION PAID
TO GOVERNMENT'S RELATIVE RESTRAINT AS WELL AS TO THE
HARASSMENTS GOMA HAS UNDERGONE.
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